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PROCESSING GROUPS OF A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT

To: Mail Stop Amendment

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Response to Office Action

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted responsive to the Office Action mailed March 29, 2006, in connection with the above-designated application. A Request for a One-Month Extension of Time accompanies this Response, and thus, this Response is timely filed. Allowance of all claims is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks below.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.